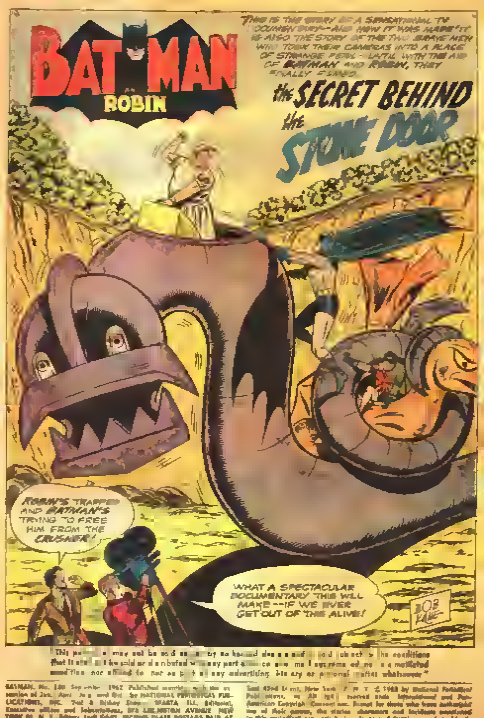

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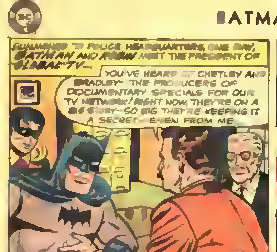


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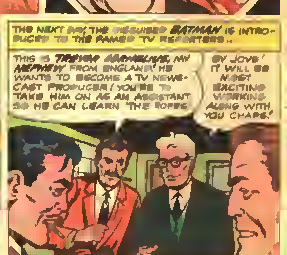
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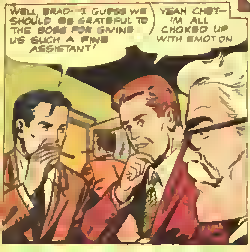
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SUMMONED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, DARK KNIGHT AND ROBIN MEET THE PRESIDENT OF "SURAK-TV"...
YOU'VE HEARD OF CHETLEY AND BRADLEY! THE PRODUCERS OF DOCUMENTARY SPECIALS FOR OUR TV NETWORK! RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE ON A BIG STORY—SO BIG, THEY'VE KEEPING IT A SECRET—EVEN FROM ME...

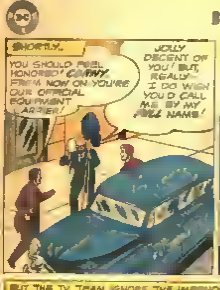

BUT THEIR INVESTIGATIONS HAVE PUT THEM IN DANGER—THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN THREATENED...
SO, YOU WANT ME TO STICK CLOSE TO THEM—KEEP THEM FROM GETTING HURT!


EXACTLY BUT CHETLEY AND BRADLEY ARE PROUD MEN—THEY'D RESENT HAVING YOU, OR ANYBODY AROUND AS THEIR BODY GUARD!
THEN I'LL DO IT IN A WAY THEY WON'T SUSPECT! I'LL ASSUME ANOTHER IDENTITY!

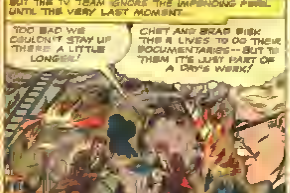

THE NEXT DAY, THE DISGUISED BATMAN IS INTRODUCED TO THE FAMED TV REPORTERS...
THIS IS TREVOR ARCHBOLDE, MY NEPHEW! FROM ENGLAND! HE WANTS TO BECOME A TV NEWSCAST PRODUCER! YOU'RE TO TAKE HIM ON AS AN ASSISTANT SO HE CAN LEARN THE ROPES.
BY JOVE! IT WILL BE MOST EXCITING WORKING ALONG WITH YOU CHAPS!

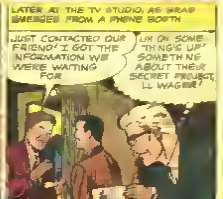

WELL, BRAD—I GUESS WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THE BOSS FOR GIVING US SUCH A FINE ASSISTANT!
YEAH CHET—I'M ALL CHOKED UP WITH EMOTION


JUST GOT HOT NEWS! THE GOTHAM COAL COMPANY IS ON FIRE!
LET'S GET GOING, BRAD! WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME MORE FOOTAGE FOR OUR FUTURE DOCUMENTARY ON FIRE FIGHTING!

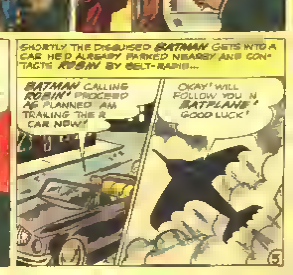

SHORTLY...
YOU SHOULD FEEL HONORED, CATHY PEARL! NOW ON YOU'RE OUR OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT ACTRESS!
JOLLY DECENT OF YOU, BUT, REALLY— I DO WISH YOU'D CALL ME BY MY FULL NAME!


LATER, HELPLESS OF DANGER, THE TV REPORTERS SHARE THE WATERFRONT BLAZE WITH THEIR CAMERAS...
BRAD, GET A SHOT OF THE OTHER SIDE!
HEY YOU GUYS—THAT CAT-WALK'S ON FIRE! IT'S GONNA TO COLLAPSE ANY MINUTE!

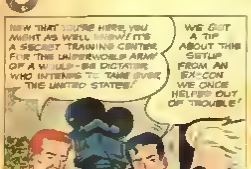

BUT THE TV TEAM IGNORES THE IMPENDING PERIL UNTIL THE VERY LAST MOMENT...
TOO BAD WE COULDN'T STAY UP THERE A LITTLE LONGER!
CHET AND BRAD RISK THEIR LIVES TO DO THEIR DOCUMENTARIES—BUT TO THEM IT'S JUST PART OF A DAY'S WORK!

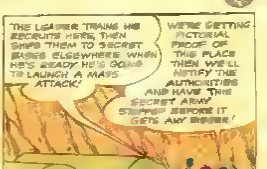

LATER AT THE TV STUDIO, AS BRAD EMERGES FROM A PHONE BOOTH
JUST CONTACTED OUR FRIEND! I GOT THE INFORMATION WE WERE WAITING FOR
UH ON SOME THING'S UP! SOMETH NE ABOUT THEIR SECRET PROJECT, LL WAGER!

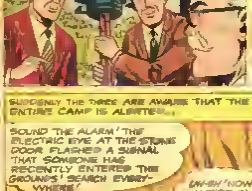

CORNY UH I LEFT MY GADGET BAG IN THE OFFICE WOULD YOU MIND GETTING IT FOR ME?
THIS IS JUST A STALL TO GET ME OUT OF THE WAY SO THEY CAN SLIP OFF SOME-WHERE!

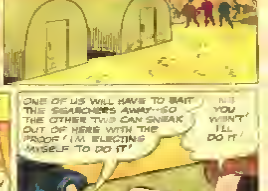

SHORTLY THE DISGUISED BATMAN GETS INTO A CAR HE'D ALREADY PARKED NEARBY AND CONTACTS ROBIN BY BELT-RADIO...
BATMAN CALLING ROBIN! PROCEED AS PLANNED AM TRAILING THE R CAR NOW!
OKAY! WILL FOLLOW YOU IN BATPLANE! GOOD LUCK!
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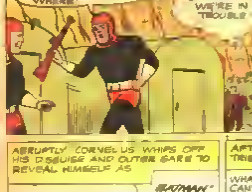

FROM A DISTANCE, BATMAN TRAILS CHET AND BRAD TO A MOUNTAIN AREA MANY MILES FROM GOTHAM CITY
HMM! THEY'RE DRIVING RIGHT INTO THAT CAVERN! I'D BETTER SNEAK CLOSER AND SEE WHAT THEY'RE UP TO!
UPON BURSTING INTO THE CAVERN...
THIS IS IT... THE STONE DOOR OUR FRIEND TOLD ME ABOUT ON THE PHONE!
IN A FEW MINUTES, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THE BIGGEST STORY OF OUR CAREERS!
SILENTLY, THE DISGUISED CRIME FIGHTER FOLLOWS THE REPORTERS THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR—AND LOOKS UPON AN ASTONISHING SCENE!
A MILITARY BASE, HIDDEN IN A VALLEY AWAY FROM THE USUAL AIR ROUTES! BUT THAT FLAG—THE SOLDIERS' UNIFORMS—THEY'RE OF NO COUNTRY THAT I'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE!
UNAWARE OF HIS APPROACH, THE HIDDEN TV REPORTERS ARE BUSY FILMING THE SOLDIERS AS THEY TEST STRANGE WEAPONS
THIS IS SENSATIONAL STUFF! LOOK AT THOSE RIFLES! THEY SHOOT LIGHTNING BOLTS INSTEAD OF BULLETS!
HELLO, YOU CHAPS!
CORNY, YOU FOOL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I HAD A DEUCE OF A TIME TRYING TO CATCH UP TO YOU FOR GOT THE GADGET BAG! I'M AWAY WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

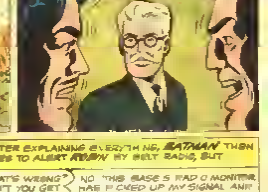

NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW! IT'S A SECRET TRAINING CENTER FOR THE UNDERWORLD ARMY OF A WORLD-BIG DICTATOR, WHO INTENDS TO TAKE OVER THE UNITED STATES!
WE GOT A TIP ABOUT THIS SETUP FROM AN EX-CON WE ONCE HELPED OUT OF TROUBLE!

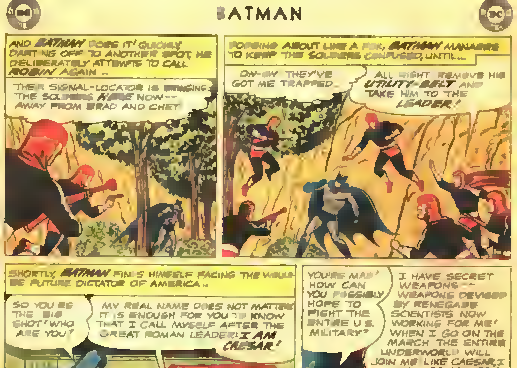

THE LEADER TRAINS HIS RECRUITS HERE, THEN SHIPS THEM TO SECRET BASES ELSEWHERE WHEN HE'S READY HE'S GOING TO LAUNCH A MASS ATTACK!
WE'RE GETTING PICTORIAL PROOF OF THIS PLACE THEN WE'LL NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES AND HAVE THIS SECRET ARMY STOPPED BEFORE IT GETS ANY BIGGER!

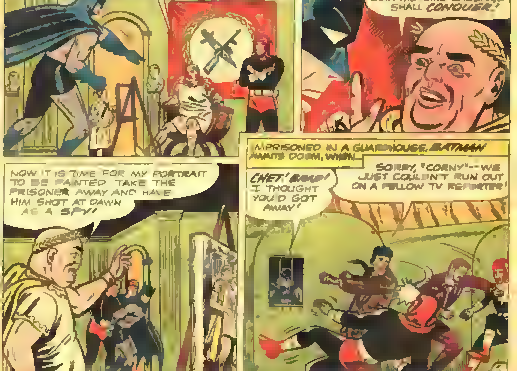

SUDDENLY THE THREE ARE AWARE THAT THE ENTIRE CAMP IS ALERTED...
SOUND THE ALARM! THE ELECTRIC EYE AT THE STONE DOOR FLASHED A SIGNAL THAT SOMEONE HAS RECENTLY ENTERED THE GROUNDS! SEARCH EVERYWHERE!
UHHH! NOW WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

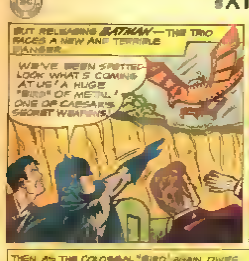

ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO BAIT THE SEARCHERS AWAY—SO THE OTHER TWO CAN SNEAK OUT OF HERE WITH THE PROOF! I'M ELECTING MYSELF TO DO IT!
NO! YOU WEREN'T! I'LL DO IT!

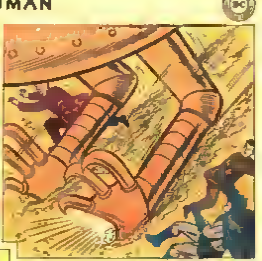

ABRUPTLY CORNELIUS WHIPS OFF HIS DISGUISE AND OUTER GARB TO REVEAL HIMSELF AS
YOU'RE BOTH WRONG! THIS IS A JOB I'LL HANDLE! WE'LL NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES!
BATMAN! HOLY SMOKE! THAT'S THE GUY WE THOUGHT WOULD BE IN THE WAY!

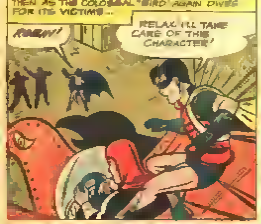

AFTER EXPLAINING EVERYTHING, BATMAN THEN TRIES TO ALERT ROBIN BY BELT RADIO, BUT
WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T YOU GET THROUGH TO HIM?
NO. THIS BASE'S RADIO MONITOR HAS PICKED UP MY SIGNAL AND IS JAMMING MY RADIO'S FREQUENCY. THAT MEANS THEIR SIGNAL LOCATOR WILL BRING THE SEARCHERS HERE UNLESS I DO SOMETHING FAST!

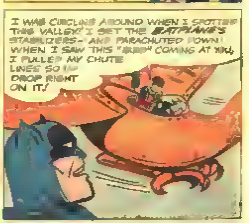

AND BATMAN DOES IT! QUICKLY DARTING OFF TO ANOTHER SPOT, HE DELIBERATELY ATTEMPTS TO CALL ROBIN AGAIN ..
THEIR SIGNAL-LOCATOR IS BRINGING THE SOLDIERS NEARER NOW --- AWAY FROM BRAD AND CHET!
FORSAKING ALL ELSE, BATMAN MANAGES TO KEEP THE SOLDIERS CONFUSED, UNTIL ...
OH-OH! THEY'VE GOT ME TRAPPED!
ALL RIGHT, TOSS US HIS UTILITY-BELT AND TAKE HIM TO THE LEADER!

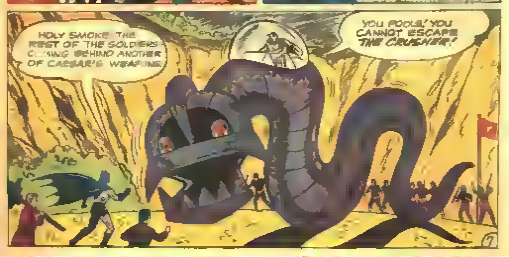

SHORTLY, BATMAN FINDS HIMSELF FACING THE WORLD'S FUTURE DICTATOR OF AMERICA ..
SO YOU'RE THE BIG SHOT! WHO ARE YOU?
MY REAL NAME DOES NOT MATTER! IT IS ENOUGH FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT I CALL MYSELF AFTER THE GREAT ROMAN LEADER! I AM CAESAR!
YOU'RE MAD! HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY HOPE TO FIGHT THE ENTIRE U.S. MILITARY?
I HAVE SECRET WEAPONS --- WEAPONS DEVISED BY RENEGADE SCIENTISTS NOW WORKING FOR ME! WHEN I GO ON THE MARCH THE ENTIRE UNDERWORLD WILL JOIN ME! LIKE CAESAR, I SHALL CONQUER!
NOW IT IS TIME FOR MY PORTRAIT TO BE PAINTED! TAKE THE PRISONER AWAY AND HAVE HIM SHOT AT DAWN AS A SPY!!
IMPRISONED IN A GUARDHOUSE, BATMAN AWAITS DOOM, WHEN ...
CHET! BRAD! I THOUGHT YOU'D GOT AWAY!
SORRY, "CORNY" -- WE JUST COULDN'T RUN OUT ON A FELLOW TV REPORTER!

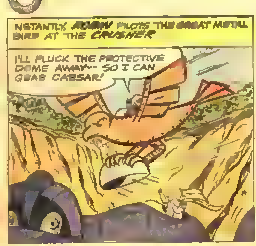

BUT, RELEASING BATMAN—THIS TRIO FACES A NEW AND TERRIBLE DANGER.
WE'VE BEEN SPOTTED! LOOK WHAT'S COMING AT US! A HUGE "BIRD" OF METAL! PROF. CARSAIR'S SECRET WEAPON!

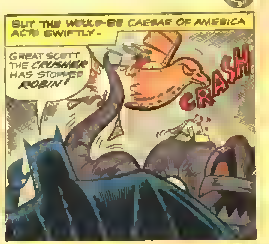


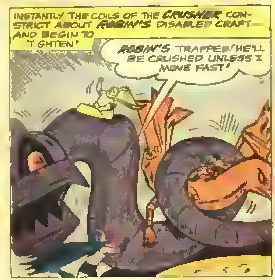

THEN AS THE COLOSSAL "BIRD" AGAIN DIVES FOR ITS VICTIMS...
RIGHT!
RELAX! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS CHARACTER!

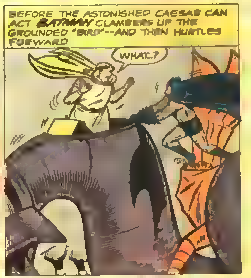

I WAS CIRCLING AROUND WHEN I SPOTTED THIS VALLEY! I SET THE BATMAN'S STABILIZERS— AND PARACHUTED DOWN! WHEN I SAW THIS "BIRD" COMING AT YOU, I PULLED MY CHUTE LINES SO I'D DROP RIGHT ON IT!

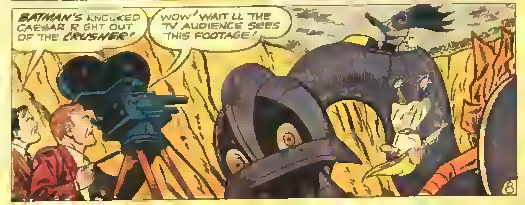

HOLY SMOKE! THE REST OF THE SOLDIERS! C'MING BEHIND ANOTHER OF CARSAIR'S WEAPONS!
YOU FOOLS! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THE CRUSHER!


INSTANTLY, ROBIN PILOTS THE GREAT METAL BIRD AT THE CRUSHER!
I'LL PLUCK THE PROTECTIVE DOME AWAY— SO I CAN GRAB CAESAR!


BUT THE WILD-EYED CAESAR OF AMERICA ACTS SWIFTLY—
GREAT SCOTT! THE CRUSHER HAS STOMPED ROBIN!
CRASH


INSTANTLY THE COILS OF THE CRUSHER CONSTRICT ABOUT ROBIN'S DISABLED CRAFT— AND BEGIN TO TIGHTEN!
ROBIN'S TRAPPED! HE'LL BE CRUSHED UNLESS I MOVE FAST!


BEFORE THE ASTONISHED CAESAR CAN ACT, BATMAN CLAMBERS UP THE GROUNDED "BIRD"—AND THEN HURTLES FORWARD
WHAT...?


BATMAN'S KNOCKED CAESAR RIGHT OUT OF THE CRUSHER!
WOW! WAIT'LL THE TV AUDIENCE SEES THIS FOOTAGE!



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IS THIS POSSIBLE? CAN BATMAN, ACE CRIME-FIGHTER HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH THAT HE DOESN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HIS YOUNG PAL, ROBIN, OR HIS OWN CAREER? FOR THE INCREDIBLE ANSWER, READ THE SUSPENSE-PACKED YARN OF
BATMAN
ROBIN
the GIRL who STOLE BATMAN'S HEART
STOP MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF, BATMAN! WHILE YOU SPEAK, YOUR TIME LIKE THIS ROBIN IS RISKING HIS LIFE FIGHTING CRIME WITH YOUR BATMAN ROBOT AS HIS PARTNER
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS, BATWOMAN! I LOVE EL SE AND I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE MY OWN WAY!
BOB KANE

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THIS WEIRD CARVED HEAD! IT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL *BATMAN* TALES YOU HAVE EVER READ!

WE PICK UP THE TANGLED THREAD OF THIS GENUINE NARRATIVE IN A MUCH FREQUENTED CRIMINAL HAUNT, WHERE...

BEHOLD, GENTLEMEN, THE MEANS WHEREBY I AM GOING TO REINDEER *BATMAN* COMPLETELY IN DELIBERATE HIS WAR AGAINST CRIME! WITHIN THIS FLAGON, A GENUINE SURGEON'S SPELL IS BOUND IN A SECRET CAVERN!

YEAH, SURE! THAT'S JUST WHAT WE NEED AGAINST *BATMAN*! FAIRY TALES...

NEXT DAY AS *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* PILOT THE *BATMOBILE* THROUGH GOTHAM CITY STREETS...

BATMAN AND *ROBIN*?... WONDER IF THEY'RE HAVING ANY MORE LUCK ON THE CONKLIN CASE THAN WE ARE! IMAGINE THREE GUYS CRACKIN' AN ARMORED CAR AND GETTING AWAY WITH $2,000,000 IN CASH AND COINS!

WHAT HURTS IS THAT WE TRIED LEATHER ACE LACES IN JAIL—BUT WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO HIS ACCOMPLICES WERE OR WHERE THE LOOT IS!

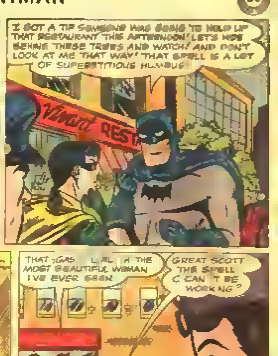
THE SLEEK VEHICLE DRAWS TO A HALT AND AS THE TWO MASKED FIGURES EMERGE...

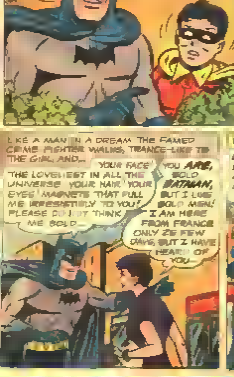
THESE ANCIENT FUMES ON BREATHE 'N DEED AND SOON YOUR HEART THIS SPELL WILL KEEP

HUH?

WHEN THE SPELL STARTS TO WORK *BATMAN*, YOU WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH THE FIRST WOMAN YOU SEE AND WE AN UTTER FOOLISH SLAVE TO THAT LOVE!


I GOT HIM, BATMAN! WHAT DID YOU WANT TO DO WITH HIM?
I FEEL FINE! LET HIM GO, BARNES! YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT NONSENSE, DO YOU?


I GOT A TIP SOMEONE WAS GOING TO HOLD UP THAT RESTAURANT THIS AFTERNOON! LET'S HOPE THESE TREES AND WATCH AND DON'T LOOK AT ME THAT WAY! THAT SPELL IS A LOT OF SUPERSTITIOUS HUMBUG!
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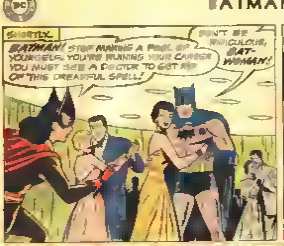

BUT LATER, AFTER A SILENT WATCHFUL WAIT...
I LOOK OVER THERE!
WHAT IS IT, BATMAN?

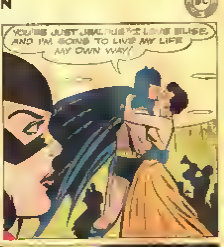

THAT GIRL IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN I'VE EVER SEEN.
GREAT SCOTT! THIS SPELL CAN'T BE WORKING!

LIKE A MAN IN A DREAM, THE FAMED CRIME FIGHTER WALKS, TRANCE-LIKE TO THE GIRL AND...
YOUR FACE! YOU ARE, BOLD BATMAN, BUT I LOVE BOLD MEN! PLEASE DO IT THINK ME BOLD!
THE LOVELIEST IN ALL THIS UNIVERSE! YOUR HAIR! YOUR EYES! MAGNETS THAT PULL ME IRRESISTIBLY TO YOU! I AM HERE FROM FRANCE ONLY ZE FEW DAYS, BUT I HAVE HEARD OF YOU...

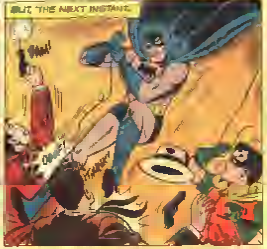
FOR LONG MINUTES, BATMAN CONVERSES AND...
BATMAN! THAT TIP WAS ACCURATE! RESTAURANT BEING HELD UP NOW!
PLEASE, WAIT FOR ME! I WILL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN!
I WERE, WAIT!

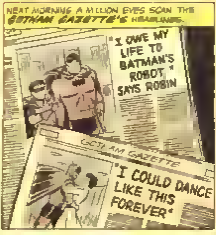

SECONDS LATER, BATMAN WADES INTO THE FRAY, AND...
AAAH! THOSE LONG SWEEPING LASHES! THOSE DIMPLES!
HUH?
IN MINUTES, THE CONTEST IS OVER, THEN...
ROBIN, THIS IS ELSIE. SHE HAS CONSENTED TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME SO LET'S GET BACK TO THE BAT-CAVE! I WANT TO CHANGE MY COSTUME AND FRESHEN UP!
BUT WE'RE GOING TO TRACK DOWN SOME LEADS ON THE CONKLIN CASE...
MINUTES AFTERWARD, AS BAFFLED POLICE CLAMOR TO REPORTERS...
LIKE I SAID, THIS GUY HAS GOT THE SHRIEK LISTED BATMAN'S NOSE AND...
YOU MEAN BATMAN REALLY IS UNDER A LOVE SPELL, WOW! IF THIS IS TRUE, IT'S THE BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR!
LATE THAT AFTERNOON AS A DOZEN REPORTERS FROM THE STREETS...
I'LL BATMAN--ON HIS WAY TO KEEP HIS DATE, BUT WHO IS THE OTHER BATMAN WITH ROBIN?
BATMAN'S ROBOT! ROBIN! ANNOUNCES HE'D PATROL WITH HIM IN A SPARE BATMOBILE!
A DOZEN CAMERAS FOCUS ON BATMAN'S EVERY MOVE...
NO, I DON'T THINK I'M BEING UNLOYAL TO ROBIN! I HAVE MY OWN LIFE TO LEAD, AND MY LOVE FOR ELSIE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THAT LIFE!
AND AS THE NEWS SPREADS LIKE WILDFIRE...
EVEN NOW THE FAMOUS MANHUNTER IS NEGLECTING CRIME FIGHTING WHILE HE DANCES AT THE TOLEDO WITH HIS BELOVED!
HMM... IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT KATHY KANE ALIAS BATWOMAN TOOK A HAND IN THIS!


SHORTLY...
BATMAN! STOP MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF! YOU'RE RUINING YOUR CAREER! YOU JUST SEE A DOCTOR TO GET RID OF THIS DREADFUL SPELL!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, BATWOMAN!

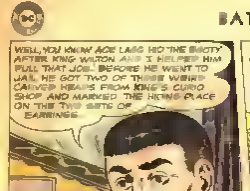

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE I LOVE ELISE, AND I'M GOING TO LIVE MY LIFE MY OWN WAY!

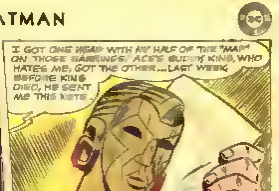

MEANWHILE, IN THE PRIMITIVE MUSEUM WHERE BATMAN, PATROLLING CITY STREETS, HAS OBSERVED A SUSPICIOUS NOISE...
ROBIN! GET HIM!

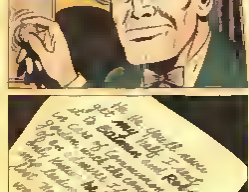

BUT, THE NEXT INSTANT...
OOOF!
OOH!
THUMP!

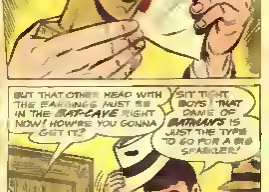

NEXT MORNING A MILLION EYES SCAN THE GOTHAM GAZETTE'S HEADLINES...
"I OWE MY LIFE TO BATMAN'S ROBOT," SAYS ROBIN
GOTHAM GAZETTE
"I COULD DANCE LIKE THIS FOREVER"


INCLUDING ONE READER IN PARTICULAR, GANGSTER JACK PINE...
WHAT AN IDEA THIS GIVES ME! FROM HERE ON, WE MAY SOON GET OUR HANDS ON THE CONKLIN LOOT, AFTER ALL!
HOW COME, BOSS?


WELL, YOU KNOW ACE LAMS HO THE BIGGY AFTER KING WILTON AND I HELPED HIM PULL THAT JOB. BEFORE HE WENT TO JAIL, HE GOT TWO OF THOSE WEIRD CALIVER HEADS FROM KING'S CURIO SHOP AND MARKED THE HOME PLACE ON THE TWO SETS OF EARRINGS.

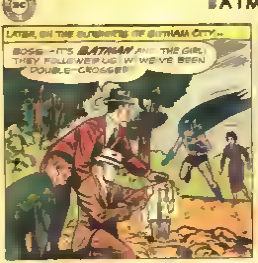

I GOT ONE HEAD WITH MY HALF OF THE "MAP" ON THOSE EARRINGS. ACE'S BUDDY KING, WHO HATES ME, GOT THE OTHER... LAST WEEK BEFORE KING DIED, HE SENT ME THIS NOTE.


Dear Ace,
I am sick. Please come to see me. I have something important to tell you. Bring the Batman with you.
Sincerely,
King

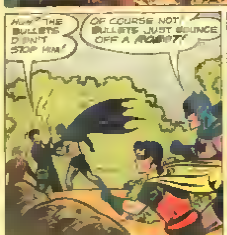

BUT THAT OTHER HEAD WITH THE EARRINGS MUST BE IN THE BAT-CAVE RIGHT NOW! HOWDYE YOU GONNA GET IT?
SIT TIGHT, BOYS! THAT DAME OF BATMAN'S IS JUST THE TYPE TO GO FOR A BIG SPARKLER!

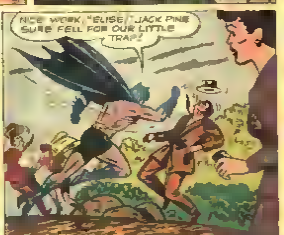

SHORTLY IN BLISS'S APARTMENT...
SO YOU SEE I LIKE BATMAN SO MUCH I'D GIVE ANYTHING FOR THIS GENUINE BAT-CAVE SOUVENIR
ZIS DIAMOND FOR ME? JUST TO GET BATMAN TO TAKE ME TO ZE BAT-CAVE AND GIVE ME ZE SOUVENIR YOU WANT? BUT IS CHILD'S PLAY—HE WEEL DO WHATEVER I ASK!


AND THAT AFTERNOON...
YA DID IT, BOSS—YOU GOT THE OTHER EARRING?
HA-HA! ALL WE GOTTA DO NOW IS MATCH THOSE TWO SETS OF EARRINGS UP AND WE'VE GOT THE LOCATION TO THAT $2,000,000!

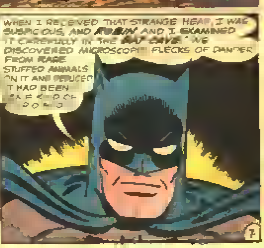

LATER, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY--
BOSS--IT'S BATMAN AND THE GIRL THEY FOLLOWED US! WE'VE BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED!


THAT'LL FIX YOU!
KRAK! KRAK! KRAK!


HUH? THE BULLETS DIDN'T STOP HIM!
OF COURSE NOT! BULLETS JUST BOUNCE OFF A ROBOT!


NICE WORK, "ELISE"! JACK PINE SURE FELL FOR OUR LITTLE TRAP!


I'M TIME BATMAN WITH THE ROSE IS THE ROBOT!
YES--CONTROLLED BY SERGEANT HELEN SMITH OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHILE I, IN TURN, TENDED TO BE THE ROBOT


WHEN I RECEIVED THAT STRANGE HEAP, I WAS SUSPICIOUS, AND ROBIN AND I EXAMINED IT CAREFULLY IN THE BAT CAVE. WE DISCOVERED MICROSCOPIC FLECKS OF DANDER FROM RARE STUFFED ANIMALS IN IT AND REALIZED IT HAD BEEN SHIPPED FROM DOOLAND



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Dear Editor: I enjoyed eminently the last issues of BATMAN DETECTIVE and WORLD'S FINEST COMICS that I read, and I think you deserve a compliment.

"The Bizarre Menace" was another fine example of the great stories you've been having in DETECTIVE COMICS. I also enjoyed the JONN JONZZ story. I liked all three stories in the May issue of BATMAN, especially "Batman Becomes Bat Baby" whose stories in which Batman undergoes some strange transformation always make a great hit with me. I hope you've got another one coming up soon.

One suggestion: I think your "Letters" page is very interesting and I wish you would feature the same type of things in DETECTIVE COMICS.

Steven Goering Mountaindge Kansas

(Batman undergoes several surprising changes in the Sept. issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 136, in a story called "The Power that Transformed Batman!" And in Oct DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 301 he faces a fantastic criminal "The Flam; Nor will Batman be can content only be changing and fighting the evil-doers.

As for your suggestion about the "Letters" page, we've considered it but for the time being we prefer to have the Bat Cave as the central clearing house. Comments on JONN JONNZ as the letter below indicates, can still be included in this department —Ed)

Dear Editor I think I have located an error in the May issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 300. On Page 11, of the "The Great Jonn Jonzz Hunt" Jonn says "I lose all my powers—including my indestructibility when visible." Shouldn't that be invisible?

Allen Prentice Milwaukee, Wisc.

(No question about it! We've had quite a few letters from our sharp-eyed readers about this, and a typographical error that the most letter points out—Ed)

Dear Editor: In the May issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, No. 135, in an article, "Faces That Time Forgot" you said "For one day in January 1941, Marshall barreled into Enlet a shack, eyes wide with shock, shouting incoherently about gold, and receiving wildly." Shouldn't it be 1849?

Dennis Gipson, Orlando, Fla.

(Yes, of course. The "Sutter's Gold" incident occurred over a hundred years ago—Ed)

Dear Editor: Have you ever had a story where the Joker teams up with Luthor in WORLD'S FINEST?

P. Coyle Providence R. I.

(We once had a Joker story but I hope two famous villians will team up again in the Next issue of WORLD'S FINEST.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the "Condemned Batman" story suppose Friends of Bruce Wayne wanted to see him? How would Batman get out of that?

Harry Juyce, Phila., Pa.

(Batman's pretty ingenious, and he'd have found a way He did, for example when he became Bat Baby in the recent BATMAN story. Incidentally, speaking about secret identities, there's a real surprise two-part story coming up in the Nov issue of Batman No 311 in which Batman's identity is revealed to the world, and he has to find a new one!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I want to congratulate you on the fine job done on the story "Prey of the Alien Humans." I have read many stories of various kinds, but the adventure in this was terrific! I am sure fans will agree with me I hope we can see more of the creatures from another world.

Mike Rose, Buffalo, N Y

(Fantasy may with different readers, as the most letter indicates.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Your Batman story, "Murder in Shyland" was the greatest. Most of the time I like old-fashioned Batman adventures, but this one was great even though there was a future city in it

Bill Wolfe Mesa, Ariz.

(We try to mix them up, but what's your favorite, fans?—Ed)

Dear Editor I have just bought the second "GIANT BATMAN ANNUAL" and think it is very good that the first story, "The Undersea Batman," was a little out of proportion. For one thing it is hard to believe that he could shoot a net out of a torpedo tube, and hit a target the distance that it did Also, the parts showing Batman and Robin swimming up a pipe and into an aquarium, and Batman climbing up the side of a building, when he could have used the elevator just as fast, were stupid

That was the only story I didn't like The nine stories were great, and your best was "When Batman Was Robin!" It had a warm feeling that some of your stories don't always have Anyway I hope you will continue to print the great stories that you do

Ronald Monaghin, Absecon, N J

(You have to allow us a certain amount of literary license in some of the incidents We try to be as plausible as possible You can look for a nice, sweet ending, by the way, in "Alpha, the Experimental Man," in Sept DETECTIVE COMICS, No 302. —Ed)



FOR YEARS, BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE RELENTLESSLY PURSUED AND BROUGHT CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE! BUT NOW, IN A PLACE FAR FROM CIVILIZATION, SOMETHING HAPPENS TO SEPARATE THEM — AND BATMAN BECOMES THE HUNTED QUARRY, FORCED TO FLEE FROM A LOYAL PARTNER WHO HAS AMAZINGLY CHANGED TO A HOSTILE —

ROBIN, the SUPER BOY WONDER


ABOVE A REMOTE REGION OF THE YUCATAN JUNGLE, THE BAT-PLANE DIPS FOR A LANDING ON A RUGGED PLATEAU...
WE'LL NEVER SPOT BUFF WARNER IN THIS JUNGLE FROM THE BAT-PLANE! OUR BEST BET IS TO USE OUR WHIRLY-BATS AND FLY AT TREE-TOP LEVEL!
RIGHT, ROBIN! YOU COVER THE AREA NORTH OF THIS PLATEAU; I'LL TAKE THE SOUTHERN END. THAT'LL DOUBLE OUR CHANCES OF FINDING WARNER'S TRAIL!
SHORTLY AFTER...
OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE SUDDEN VIOLENT TROPICAL STORMS COMING UP DEAD AHEAD!
IN SECONDS, THE FULL FURY OF THE STORM HITS AND HURLS BATMAN'S FRAIL CRAFT INTO...
LOOKS AS IF MY WINGS ARE CLIPPED -- BUT GOOD! WONDER HOW ROBIN HAS BEEN FARING? IF HE DOESN'T SEEM TO RESPOND TO MY RADIO SIGNALS, I'LL JUST HAVE TO SCOUR THIS JUNGLE UNTIL I FIND HIM!
CRASH!
LATER, AFTER HOURS OF WEARY TREKKING THROUGH THE JUNGLE...
GREAT SCOTT! ROBIN'S WRECKED WHIRLY-BAT! BUT NO SIGN OF ROBIN! WHERE CAN HE BE? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM? IS HE HURT?
JUST THEN...
SEIZE THE STRANGER! HE IS THE ONE I SAW PILFERING THE EMERALDS FROM THE EYES OF THE SACRED STATUE!
OH-OH--I'M BEING ACCUSED OF SOMETHING, AND IT DOESN'T LOOK AS IF I'M GOING TO HAVE A CHANCE TO DENY IT!

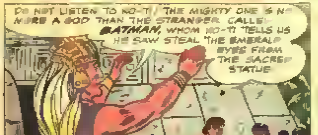

BESIDES—I HAVEN'T TIME TO WASTE CONVINCING THEM! I'VE GOT TO FIND ROBIN!
SUDDENLY...
SEIZE HIM MIGHTY ONE!
HUH? IT—IT'S ROBIN—WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? DON'T YOU KNOW ME?
ROBIN—WAIT! IT'S ME
I'LL TEACH YOU TO STEAL FROM OUR VILLAGE STRANGER!
GREAT SCOTT! ROBIN HAS DEVELOPED SUPER-STRENGTH! SOMETHING ASTONISHING HAS HAPPENED TO HIM! AND SOMEHOW IT'S AFFECTED HIS MEMORY! HE DOESN'T KNOW ME AT ALL!
THEN AS ROBIN CHARGES TOWARD HIM, THE TRAINED ACRO-BATMAN ABOUTFACES AND...
I HAD TO USE HIS OWN STRENGTH AGAINST HIM—BUT I'D BETTER GET AWAY FROM HERE FAST!
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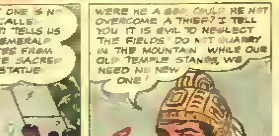

RACING SWIFTLY TOWARD THE GORGE, BATMAN PROPELS HIMSELF ACROSS IN A MIGHTY LEAP!
THE STRANGER IS ESCAPING! STOP HIM, MIGHTY ONE!
HE WON'T GET FAR WITH IT!
HE'S BRINGING THE GOBEL WITH THAT TREE! I HAVE TO SCREEN MY ESCAPE INTO THE JUNGLE UNTIL I CAN FIGURE OUT MY NEXT MOVE!
AND AS BATMAN HURLS A SMOKE BOMB FROM HIS UTILITY BELT...
IT'S NO USE, MIGHTY ONE! THROUGH THIS SMOKE, WE SHALL NEVER SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE JUNGLE SWALLOWS HIM! LET US TURN BACK! WE HAVE OTHER IMPORTANT WORK TO DO!
MEANWHILE...
I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ROBIN! BEST THING IS TO CIRCLE AROUND AND LOCATE THE MAIN INDIAN VILLAGE IN THIS AREA!


SEVERAL YEARS LATER, FROM A COMMANDING VANTAGE POINT AT THE EDGE OF AN INDIAN SETTLEMENT...
MEN OF THE VILLAGE, THE MIGHTY ONE CALLS UPON YOU TO HELP CARRY THIS IDOL HE TEARS FROM THE MOUNTAIN SIDE TO BUILD A NEW TEMPLE!
HMM--SOMEHOW ROBIN SEEMS UNDER THE THUMB OF THAT INDIAN CHIEF...


DO NOT LISTEN TO KO-TI! THE MIGHTY ONE IS NO MORE A GOD THAN THE STRANGER CALLED BATMAN, WHOM KO-TI TELLS US HE SAW STEAL THE EMERALD EYES FROM THE SACRED STATUE!


WERE HE A GOD, COULD HE NOT OVERCOME A THIEF? I TELL YOU IT IS EVIL TO NEGLECT THE FIELDS! DO NOT QUARRY IN THE MOUNTAIN WHILE OUR OLD TEMPLE STANDS, WE NEED NO NEW ONE!


BEHOLD--THE OLD TEMPLE NO LONGER STANDS! THE MIGHTY ONE HAS DESTROYED IT!


LOOK, MANY MEN DEFY THE CHIEF AND FOLLOW THE MIGHTY ONE TO THE MOUNTAIN!
FOOLS! EVEN NOW, THE CHIEF HAS A HIDDEN WARRIOR WAITING TO SLAY KO-TI AND THE MIGHTY ONE WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE MOUNTAIN!

IF THE MIGHTY ONE CAN BE SLAIN, ALL WILL KNOW HE IS NO GOD! AND THE CHIEFTAIN FROM ANOTHER VILLAGE, HUMBLE, WILL NO LONGER CHALLENGE THE CHIEF AND THE GODS!

OH—BUT I MUST GET TO BATMAN AND WARN HIM...

CIRCLING SWIFTLY AROUND THE VILLAGE, BATMAN APPROACHES THE MOUNTAIN FROM THE OTHER SIDE JUST AS...

HERE THEY COME NOW! AND—UH-UH! THAT INDIAN UP THERE—HE'S GOT A SPEAR AIMED AT BOOM!

AS THE DEADLY SPEAR IS HURLED, POWERFUL MUSCLES ARE GALVANIZED INTO LIGHTNING ACTION, AND...

WATCH OUT!

HOW SUCH!

THE STRANGER AGAIN! HE HAS STRUCK DOWN THE MIGHTY ONE FROM BEHIND! QUICK—GET HIM!

HEAVILY OUTNUMBERED, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER STRUGGLES VALIANTLY TO DEFEND HIMSELF...


I HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE AGAINST THOSE SPEARS!
AND HERE COMES ROBIN TO HELP FINISH ME OFF!
BUT ASTONISHINGLY ROBIN'S PURPOSE PROVES QUITE DIFFERENT...
WA-- STOP! BATMAN IS NOT AN ENEMY! HE IS MY FRIEND! I WAS DECEIVED BY KI-TI!
GREAT SCOTT! ROBIN KNOWS ME AGAIN! THAT BLOW ON THE HEAD MUST HAVE RESTORED HIS MEMORY! HE'S USING HIS SUPER STRENGTH TO SAVE ME!
HMM... KI-TI'S TRYING TO MAKE A QUICK GETAWAY WHILE HE CAN...
A PANTHERISH SPRING AND--
I CAN'T LET YOU RUSH OFF SO SOON! NOW THAT I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, I REALLY ARE BIFF WAHNG!



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